

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Lewis Creek in Augusta County and the City of Staunton. This stream was listed on the 1996 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report as impaired due to violation of the State's general standard for aquatic life (i.e., a benthic impairment). The general standard impairment includes a 9.55-mile segment from just south of the Staunton City limits to the confluence with the Middle River.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and §62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia require DEQ to develop TMDLs for pollutants responsible for each impaired water contained in Virginia's 303(d) TMDL Priority List and Report.

A final public meeting on the development of TMDLs to address the benthic impairment on Lewis Creek will be held on **Wednesday, March 8, 2006, 7:00 p.m.** at the Staunton City Council Chambers, Staunton City Hall, 116 W. Beverley St., Staunton, VA 24402.

A copy of the draft benthic TMDL report will be available for review on or before March 8, 2006 on the DEQ website at <http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdl/tmdlrpts.html>. The public comment period for the draft report and the meeting will end on April 7, 2006. Written comments should

include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Robert Brent, Department of Environmental Quality, 4411 Early Road, PO Box 3000, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, telephone (540) 574-7848, fax (540) 574-7878, or e-mail [rbrent@deq.virginia.gov](mailto:rbrent@deq.virginia.gov).